



Ellesmere Rural District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

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FOR THE YEAR

1940.

The Ellesmere Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

As for last year the Ministry of Health has decided that the Report for 1940 should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

L. WILSON EVANS.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office Held.	Whole or Part time.
L. WILSON EVANS ...	M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. ...	Medical Officer of Health ...	Part
E. WILKINSON ...	M.I.M. & CY.E., M.R.SAN.I. ...	Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor	Whole

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year 1940.

Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7246
					Male.	Female.	Total.	
Live Births : Legitimate	...	...	...	...	60	39	99	
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	
					<u>63</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>104</u>	
Birth Rate	...	...	...	...			14.4	
Birth Rate : Ellesmere Urban District	...	...	...	...			13.9	
,, England and Wales	...	...	...	...			14.6	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	4	1	5	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1000 Births	...	...	...	...			48	
Ellesmere Urban District...	...	...	...	...			Nil	
England and Wales	...	...	...	...			55	
Still Births : Legitimate	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	
					<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	
Rate per 1000 Population...	...	...	...	...			.69	
Ellesmere Urban District	...	...	...	...			.98	
England and Wales	...	...	...	...			.55	
Deaths	...	...	...	...	40	46	86	

Death Rate (Uncorrected)	...	...	...	11.9
,, (Corrected)	...	...	...	12.0
Ellesmere Urban District	...	...	...	16.4
England and Wales	...	...	...	14.3

Deaths from :

Cancer (Males 4, Females 3)	...	...	7
Measles	...	...	Nil
Whooping Cough	...	...	Nil
Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	...	...	Nil
Maternal Mortality per 1000 Births	...	...	Nil
Ellesmere Urban District...	...	...	Nil
England and Wales	...	...	2.16

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

This District has been remarkably free from Infectious Disease. Of the two cases of Diphtheria, one was certainly contracted in a neighbouring town. All the cases of Scarlet Fever occurred in a private institution and a public school, the latter also having more than half of the Measles.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

		Total Cases Notified.	No. of Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	...	13		
Diphtheria	...	2	1	
Measles	...	83		
Whooping Cough	...	4		
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	6	6	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	1		
Pneumonia	...	5		2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1	1	
Erysipelas	...	1		
Food Poisoning (Aertryche)	...	1		

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The Council adopted a Scheme of Immunisation in December, 1939, the method used being two injections of .2cc and .5cc of Alum Precipitated Toxoid given at an interval of four weeks, the results of which showed itself in increasing measure as the year progressed.

The number of children who have received treatment are :—

Under 5 years of age	...	12
Over 5 years of age	...	223
Total	...	235

Tuberculosis.

Notifications.

PULMONARY.		NON-PULMONARY.		DEATHS.	
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
4	0	2	1	2	0

The Sanitary Inspector has nothing to report. The Centralisation of Slaughtering at Whitchurch has greatly reduced the work of Meat Inspection, and all Housing progress has been held up, but constant vigilance of Cowsheds and all Food-preparing places is required, for there are increased risks of Alimentary Diseases such as Enteric and Dysentery and the trouble arising from food-poisoning organisms due to War conditions, and the Ministry of Health in a Circular has warned Local Authorities of the importance of taking all possible measures to maintain the purity and wholesomeness of the Food Supply.